

## The Sunday-School.

### THE SAVIOR'S PARTING WORDS.

It is supposed that the first part of today's lesson took place in immediate connection with Jesus' appearing to his disciples on the evening after his resurrection. The verses, however, are a summary of his teachings during the forty days, which were doubtless frequently repeated so as to impress them indelibly upon their hearts and minds. Verses 50-53 record his final appearance and his ascension to heaven.

#### LIFE TEACHINGS.

1. The perplexity and sorrow and gloom and despair of the disciples over Christ's sufferings and death, came from their not remembering what Jesus had said unto them. It is so with God's people now. How much worry, doubt and perplexity we do have because we do not remember the precious words and promises of Jesus! Let us remember God's promises of grace for every day, of victory in temptation, and we will save ourselves much needless worry and perplexity. Let us treasure in our hearts the gracious words of Jesus. They will help us in life's trials, in affliction and in death.

2. The disciples could not understand the Scriptures until enlightened by the Holy Spirit. This is the promise of Christ concerning the Spirit, that he would guide us into all truth. We need the influence of God's spirit to enable us to understand his word better. When we read the Bible let us not forget to pray for the Spirit of God that we may have our minds enlightened and understanding opened. Of many a Bible reader it could be said, "How readest thou?"

3. Christ said to his disciples, "Ye are witnesses of these things." Every Christian is a witness of Christ—of his power to save and to keep. The leper *cleansed* was a witness of Christ. The wicked man *saved* is a living witness to the power of the grace of Christ.

4. Christ went away blessing his disciples. Ever since his hands of benediction have been stretched out over the world. Have we accepted his offers of mercy?

5. It is a blessed thing that we can think of Jesus as an ever living, present Savior, on the right hand of God, our living King and Helper.

As we are not allowed to be idle in this world and to do nothing, so we are not allowed to be willful and do what we please.—*Matthew Henry.*

### INDIANA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

Following is the Program of Eighth Indiana Ministerial Association, to be held at Warsaw, Ind., June 25, 26 and 27, 1895:—

#### TUESDAY, 1:20 P. M.

1. Devotions, A. R. Bemenderfer.
2. Address of welcome, C. F. Yoder.
3. Response, G. W. Rench.
4. Roll call and reception of new members.
5. Appointment of committees on program. On queries.
6. Address—Who shall hold the Revivals, Pastor or Evangelist?  
L. W. Ditch.
7. Discussion.
8. Miscellaneous business.

#### 7:45 P. M.

1. Devotions, Geo. Neff.
2. Sermon, Geo. W. Rench.

#### WEDNESDAY, 8:30 A. M.

1. Devotions, John Brower.
2. Address, The Revival,—How prepare for it and how conduct it,  
W. W. Summers.
3. Discussion.
4. Lessons from Christ and the Apostles on reaching the masses, J. M. Fox.
5. Discussion.
6. Five-minute talks by pastors. (Topics to be assigned.)
7. Question box.

#### 1:30 P. M.

1. Devotions, R. K. Binkley.
2. Address, Long verses short pastorates,  
W. C. Perry.
3. Discussion.
4. Bible exposition, Systematic Giving,  
L. W. Ditch.
5. Discussion.
6. Question box.

#### 7:30 P. M.

1. Devotions, D. V. Yoder.
2. Sermon, J. Allen Miller.

#### THURSDAY, 8:30 A. M.

1. Devotions, R. K. Binkley.
2. Address, Plagiarism, D. A. Hopkins.
3. Discussion.
4. Christ as an Evangelist, whom and what and how he taught,  
G. W. Rench.
5. Discussion.
6. The Pastor's Aids, and how to use them: S. S. C. E., C. F. Yoder; K. C. of C. E., L. W. Ditch; Jr. K. C., A. S. Mennaugh.
7. Discussion.
8. Miscellaneous business.

#### 7:30 P. M.

#### Communion.

These association meetings have always been of great value both to pastors and

lay members so that all should attend who possibly can, especially since this is the only session to be held this year. Thursday afternoon will not be vacant, so please arrange to remain until after the communion. Warsaw will take care of you. Let us make this meeting a glorious one.

C. F. YODER,  
W. C. PERRY,  
D. V. YODER. } Committee.

### GETTING READY TO LOOK BETTER.

Old Aunt Betsy was warming herself by the kitchen fire, and sipping the tea which had been given her by the kind-hearted young lady who had found her shivering outside in the wintry wind.

"Is dat yer mudder?" she asked, with a smile of admiration at the sweet-faced, white-haired lady who entered the room.

"Yes, aunty," replied the girl.

"Looks mos' better'n you do," observed Aunt Betsy, turning from one to the other reflectively. Then with a childish laugh she muttered: "De ole folks has de 'vantage-now-a-days, sho nuff."

"So I shall look better by-and-by?" answered the girl with an amused smile.

Aunt Betsy's wrinkled old black face assumed a serious expression as she replied:

"'Pends 'pon whether yet gettin' ready to look better, chile."

Aunt Betsy was not generally considered a philosopher. Indeed, some people thought she was not quite right in her mind, but in this case, at least, she uttered a truth worth pondering.

The desire to be beautiful is a natural and laudable one. It need not be discouraged in any girl. But it is a mistake to suppose that personal attractions depend wholly or chiefly upon symmetry of feature or delicacy of complexion, pleasing as these may be.

Not long ago I made the acquaintance of a lady whom I described to my friends as very beautiful. Soon afterward, when I had opportunity, unobserved, to study her face in repose, I was much surprised to see that she had not a single perfect feature. What in a brief interview I had taken for beauty was simply vivacity of expression and charm of manner—that which any one can cultivate, and so get ready to look better.

There may be exceptional cases, like that described by Victor Hugo, where a noble heart is "masked and calumniated by the face," but in general the countenance is an index of the character. A lack of intelligence makes the most perfect features and complexion disappointing and unsatisfactory.

THE man who aims no higher than his neighbors' heads generally falls at their feet.